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Fw: Law and Justice Hearing

On Thursday, December 5, 2013 10:34 AM, Melise Jordan < jordanmelise@yahoo.com > wrote: Dear Ladies and Gentleman.

I am submitting this email with my concerns as I just had major surgery and I'm not able to attend the Law and Justice Hearings.

As many of you know my husband Allen Whetstone went before the parole board in February of this year. They denied him parole and went against Judge Tuckers court order. As the parole board holds more power than the judges, or even you, the legislators. This power that was given has allowed the system to overlap and go unchecked, not answering to anyone. For Montana DOJ to be able to attend these hearings and state things and act like they have evidence that was not evidence and was not used in court, is pure hearsay. A parole board holding a hearing, acting like a judge and jury, and allowing NO rebuttal. Not only that but one of it's members threatening me in the Capitol that if I did not shut up from testifying "I was only making it harder for when my husband came before them"....they indeed did act upon that threat and carried it through.

As an act of retaliation upon denial, after Allen requested by kite to take the second class per the boards order, they shipped him off to Cascade County Prison where his life was placed in danger. His roommate was beat to a pulp but luckily Allen had just left the cell to talk to one of the guards. Allen then received his kite back with a handwritten note from Blair Hopkins, stating that he could not participate in the class unless he confessed. I now have this kite and hand written note in my possession. So, it went beyond just taking the class to he cannot even participate. After not being able to talk to any family via phone for over 7 months and no visits Allen said he would take the class.

Upon arriving back at MSP he was able to call family again. He told us what they were requesting from him. Of course all family was in agreement that it was wrong what they were asking as Allen has been fighting about his case from the very beginning. Now the system even wanted more. Not only do they want a confession but they want him to confess to what the county attorney had put in his record. They want him to confess to something that was not even in the plea bargain that was processed through Judge Tucker and we have the court documents of the plea bargain that shows otherwise. This attorney going above the court, even above the state of law fashioning his own deal as he even stated in the Montana media with blatant arrogance.

Blair Hopkins was upset to hear that Allen was indeed NOT going to take this class. Pressuring him that he needed to do it, trying to get him to cave in. Allen held firm. They then shipped him back to Cascade County Prison. But they did not stop there. They "failed" him in the class stating that he was "non-compliant." They added points to him. (This is a man that a DOC official had told me upon Allen entering prison had less points than someone going before the parole board. His point system was

that low. Even the state certified Mr.Quigley said there was so low but the state required that he had too.) They also too So, now he is at Cascade County Prison, where there is not

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to their cells but have to sit in a day room all day long and now he does not even have a hobby. Plus no visits or phone calls. Phone calls from that prison are anywhere between \$15 and \$20 for 15 minutes, which none of us can afford.

As others have stated to me upon hearing this and seeing the records. We have become like Russia now, where a citizen is waterboarded until they confess. Except in Montana they use other punishments and retaliation to force their ways upon someone. Once a person is caught in this system, it's pretty much a "damned if you do and damned if you don't" no matter how hard they try. To think that the state has allowed this kind of power and even upon hearsay. It has become more of a sad and scary state of affairs to be an American.

As legislators and those on the Law and Justice Committee, these are issues, along with many others, that you need to know about. Such power always leads to corruption without a check and balance system.

Thank you for your time, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Melise Jordan Advocates Against Injustice Within The Judicial System